

March 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday

Saturday – Mar 28th – Vigil Mass

5:00PM Frank Schwarz (Mary Schwarzenberger)

Sunday – Mar 29th – Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM Vietnam Veterans (Ted/Janet Achuff)

Monday – Mar 30th – Weekday of Holy Week

9:00AM Souls in Purgatory (Helfant Family)

Tuesday – Mar 31st – Weekday of Holy Week

9:00AM Sylvester & Anna Ecker (Helfant Family)

Wed. – April 1st – Weekday of Holy Week – Lenten Confessions 7- 8PM

9:00AM Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Thurs. – April 2nd – Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper – Incense Used

7:00PM Center Our Lives in the Eucharist & Strive to be Eucharist to Others in Our Lives
Church Will Remain Open Till 10PM in the Presence of the Eucharist

Friday – April 3rd – Weekday – Good Friday – The Passions of the Lord – Fasting

3:00PM Passion of Our Lord

7:00PM Stations of the Cross – Preceded by Last Lenten Soup Supper @ 6PM

Saturday – April 4th –

7:30PM Easter Vigil Mass – Incense Used

Please Pray for Our Sick and Housebound, Deceased Members, for an End to Abortion and Respect for all Life!

Lynda Stefanski, Peter Libasci, Joseph Bonk, Tom Trotter, Dave Blessing, Jeff Olimpo, Matt Sebastiano, Maria Middleton, Fern & John Gibson, William Merkle, Russ Funkhouser, Joseph Jones, Elizabeth Ann Schlotter, Andrew Schlotter, Bethany Steinberg, Joann Thaler, Julie Petry, Steven Fusco, Greg Gambino, Patrick D. Brown, Douglas Defreest, Jr., Benny LoScalzo, Steve Ombalski, Jane Burger, Ginny LaBar, Michael Gawronski, Marciano Alves Viera, Bernadette Maszczak, Shawn Kelly, Beth Collins, Nikia Helfant Messier, Anthony Libasci, Louis Cortese, Faith Marie Messier, Ann Lewis, Alvin LaBar, Emma Jones, **Bernie Boylan**

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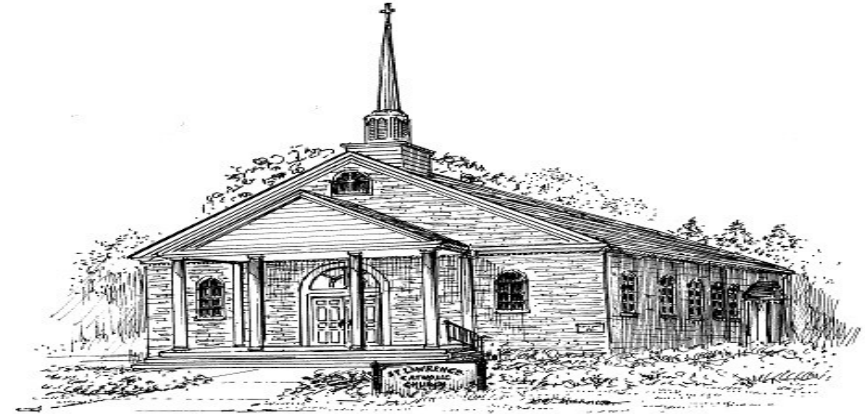
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday @ 9:30AM – 11AM

Confessions: Saturday @ 3:30PM - 4:30PM @ Church. Via Appointment - Contact Rectory

Holy Name Society: Meets Monthly; Second Monday @ 7PM @ Ceader Hall (Sept – May)

Altar Rosary Society: Meets Monthly; Second Thursday @ 7PM (Sept – May)

Lay Carmelite Community of St. Teresa of Jesus of Los Andes: Meets Monthly, First Saturday Following the 9AM Mass in Ceader Hall.

Marthas & Marys Ministry: Faith based group, meets First Friday @ 11:30AM @ Ceader Hall

Weddings: Contact Rectory for Details. Plans Preferred Minimun 6 Months in Advance.

Parish PREP Classes & New Parishoners: Contact Rectory via Phone or email.

Rectory Office: Mon-Fri @ 9:30AM – 12 noon

Pastor's Corner March 29, 2026

With today's celebration of *Palm Sunday*, Holy Week has begun. It has only been 14 weeks since we celebrated the coming of the Messiah among us at Christmas. The Church has used those 14 weeks to focus our attention on how Jesus was *Messiah* **with** the people, **for** the people, **to** the people. It has reenforced with us the message that Jesus impressed upon the people of His time, that the goal of salvation is to return to the Father; that salvation involves turning away from everything in this world that is opposed or resists the Father's love; that these choices will be difficult; that He was sent to inspire us by His words, life and death, to trust in His wisdom and love. Jesus was **NOT** sent into the world to do everything for us. If mankind got itself into trouble by using its free will to disobey the Father, it must be ready to use that free will to reverse that wrong and to trust the Father with this second opportunity. Jesus' whole life was to impress upon us that when we do, we will have no regrets.

The scripture readings of Holy Week, especially, the Passion accounts which we will hear on Palm Sunday and Good Friday encapsulate humanity's struggle to take advantage of its second

chance for eternity with the Father. If we take the time to prayerfully reflect on any one of the **characters** in those Passion accounts, we will find ourselves with Peter, James & John, the rest of the Apostles, the rest of Jesus' Disciples, Caiaphas, the members of the Sanhedrin, Pilate, the two revolutionaries crucified with Jesus, those who gave "false witness" against Jesus, Judas, the guard who slapped Jesus in the face, the Blessed Mother, Mary Magdalene, Simon the Cyrenian, Joseph of Arimathea and the "Crowd". Having been the beneficiary of Jesus' teachings, miracles, acts of compassion and generosity, we will see what they did with those gifts..... how much spiritual progress they made in their own journey of conversion. Place yourself in any of the **locations** of those stories: the Upper Room during the Last Supper, The Garden of Gethsemane, the great hall where the Sanhedrin and chief priests placed Jesus on trial, the quarters of the praetorium where the guards were quartered, and Golgotha the place of crucifixion.

Holy Week is not about guilt, but it is about being honest about ourselves with the One whom we say we love. It is also about allowing the Father to speak to us through these characters and places, so that we might see both the progress

we have failed to make, and the progress that we have made as one of the Master's Disciples. It is humbling, but if we allow the Father access to our conscience and heart, it can also be cathartic and healing. Let us start each day of this week by praying for each other and ourselves, that we use these holy days opening our hearts to the Father, so He can help us to continue to make the life-choice to follow His Son, and to do what we are afraid to allow Him to do, and that is to inspire us to turn completely toward Him and never look back. Pray for me, as I will pray for you!

Your brother in Christ,



Collections: March 22nd Parish @ \$2419, Easter Flowers @ \$115, Catholic Foundation @ \$2691. Thank You!!

Special Collection – *Holy Land*, on Good Friday, April 3rd.

Stations of the Cross & Lenten Soup

Supper: Friday, April 3 Stations of the Cross @ 7PM – Good Friday; Final Soup Supper @ 6PM to 7PM prior to Stations

Confessions: in addition to our regular schedule on Saturdays @ 3:30PM – 4:30PM; also, during Lent immediately following Stations of the Cross and a **Special Evening Confessions Wed., April 1 @7PM-8PM**



Music/Choir: seeking a Trumpet player for Easter Masses. Contact parish office if available. Thank you



Easter Egg Hunt: The annual Parish Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday after the 9:30AM Mass. This event, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, is open to all Parish children. Please remember to bring a basket and your camera:>

IS THIS YOU?? Action item as the following addresses are not current and undeliverable. Advise parish office:

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